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REF OTTAWA 1824 MAY 15, 1975

1. QUARTERLY GNP (1971 DOLLARS)

QUARTER 1974 1975

1ST 0.9 MINUS 1.4

2ND MINUS 0.3 MINUS 1.2(ESTIMATE)

3RD 0.0

4TH MINUS 0.2

2. SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION: PORK, MUTTON AND

LAMB, POULTRY (THOUSAND POUNDS).

1973 SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION UNCHANGED FROM REFTEL.

POST FORECAST

(A) PORK 1974 1975

STOCKS, JAN. 1 33,114 23,338

PRODUCTION 1,347,230 1,230,000

IMPORTS 80,190 100,000

TOTAL SUPPLY 1,460,534 1,353,338

EXPORTS 92,174 95,000

DOM. DISAPPEARANCE 1,345,022 1,244,338

STOCKS, DEC. 31 23,338 14,000

PER CAPITA (LBS.) 59.9 54.6

(B) MUTTON AND LAMB

STOCKS, JAN. 1 7,233 6,787

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PRODUCTION 18,336 17,200

IMPORTS	38,397	35,000
TOTAL SUPPLY	63,966	58,987
EXPORTS	126	135
DOM. DISAPPEARANCE	57,053	53,852
STOCKS, DEC. 31	6,787	5,000
PER CAPITA (LBS.)	2.5	2.4
(C) POULTRY		
STOCKS, JAN. 1	75,899	90,110
PRODUCTION	1,034,769	955,000
IMPORTS	22,369	28,000
TOTAL SUPPLY	1,133,037	1,073,110
EXPORTS	20,488	3,000
DOM. DISAPPEARANCE	1,022,439	1,005,110
STOCKS, DEC. 31	90,110	65,000
PER CAPITA (LBS.)	45.4	44.1

3. BEEF PRODUCTION

(A) ESTIMATE OF CATTLE NUMBERS ON FARMS (THOUSANDS)

	1974	1975 1)
JUNE 1	14,979	15,200
DEC. 31	14,018	14,300

1) POST ESTIMATES

(B) SLAUGHTER (THOUSANDS)

CATTLE	3,629	4,050
CALVES	616	1,000
TOTAL	4,245	5,050

(C) SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION (THOUSAND

LBS. CARCASS WEIGHT EQUIVALENT)

POST FORECAST

	1974	1975
STOCKS, JANUARY 1	56,729	47,746
PRODUCTION - TOTAL	2,076,521	2,300,000
- BEEF	1,999,106	2,190,000
- VEAL	77,415	110,000
IMPORTS - TOTAL	180,153	165,000
- BONE-IN	12,059	7,000
- BONELESS		
FRESH	14,171	14,500
FROZEN	131,278	134,000
-OTHER	22,645	9,500

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TOTAL SUPPLY	2,313,403	2,512,746
EXPORTS-TOTAL	57,578	40,000
BEEF-BONE-IN	6,977	5,000
-BONELESS	41,598	27,000
-CURED	4,114	6,500
VEAL	965	200
N.E.S.	3,957	1,300
DOM. DISAPPEARANCE	2,208,079	2,397,746

STOCKS, DEC. 31 47,746 75,000
 PER CAPITA (LBS.) 98.2 105.2

4. PRICE FORECAST

(A) WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - SOUTHERN ONTARIO,
 (A1 STEER CARCASSES/SIDES 500-700 LBS; CDN. CENTS/LB.)

	FINAL 1974	ESTIMATE 1975
JANUARY	89.05	86.59
FEBRUARY	89.61	76.12
MARCH	82.65	73.05
APRIL	81.16	72.88
MAY	84.52	88.37
JUNE	86.29	89.28
JULY	90.67	89.03
AUGUST	91.46	88.00
SEPTEMBER	91.34	85.00
OCTOBER	87.57	81.00
NOVEMBER	92.10	77.00
DECEMBER	90.90	80.00
ANNUAL AVERAGE	88.11	82.19

5. QUARTERLY ESTIMATE OF BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS TO U.S. (1,000 LBS. PRODUCT WEIGHT)

QUARTER	BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS TO U.S.	
	1974	1975
1ST	11,877	1,853
2ND	6,971	2,439
3RD	8,905	7,000
4TH	8,427	10,000
TOTAL	36,180	21,292

COMMENTS:

1. TOTAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED CATTEL SLAUGHTER DURING JANUARY-
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JULY 1975 UP 12.5 PERCENT ABOVE SAME PERIOD YEAR EARLIER.
 BEEF OUTPUT UP ONLY ESTIMATED 9.5 PERCENT DUE TO LOWER
 SLAUGHTER WEIGHTS AND RELATED TO CONTINUED INCREASE IN
 FEMALE SLAUGHTER, REDUCTION IN IMPORTS OF HEAVY SLAUGHTER
 CATTEL FROM U.S. AND FEWER GRAIN-FINISHED ANIMALS. IN LAST
 HALF OF 1975 TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS POTENTIALLY VAILABLE
 FOR SLAUGHTER EXPECTED TO REMAIN SUBSTANTIALLY UP FROM SAME
 PERIOD ONE YEAR AGO. MORE YEARLING CATTLE COMPETING WITH
 COWS AND RECORD CALF CROP FOR GRASS EXPECTED TO BE REFLECTED
 IN CONTINUED INCREASES IN FEMALE AND CALF SLAUGHTER BY FALL
 1975. FED CATTEL PRICES PEAKED IN MID-SUMMER EXPECTED TO
 WEAKEN AS APPROACH OF WINTER SHARPLY INCREASES NON-FED
 SLAUGHTER.

2. FEDERALLY INSPECTED HOG SLAUGHTER JANUARY 1 TO JULY 26
 DOWN 12.8 PERCENT FROM SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. SIMILAR DE-

CLINES FORECAST FOR REMAINDER OF THIRD QUARTER 1975.
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN RETAIL PORK PRICES REFLECTED IN MARKED
LOWER CONSUMPTION LEVEL. A SLIGHT EASING OF THE DECLINE IN
MARKETINGS IS EXPECTED DURING THE FINAL QUARTER.
3. ESTIMATE OF BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS TO U.S. ASSUMES THAT
GOC WILL FILL U.S. BI-LATERAL QUOTA AND EXPORT 17 MILLION
POUNDS TO U.S. DURING AUGUST 12 - DECEMBER 31, 1975.
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